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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Observed on 21 March and 3 April 1955 revealed that various spots in the [redacted] wire barrier [redacted] were obstacle in the area south and west of [redacted] is reinforced [redacted] each soldiers. The existing obstacles were reenforced by a system of additional vertical and diagonal barbed wires which were arranged at very narrow intervals. Such observations were made in the border area near Jonsdorf (O 51/F 97) and Oybin (O 51/F 97) along the Gross Schoenau (O 51/F 87) - Varnsdorf (C 51/F 87) - Seifhennersdorf (O 51/F 88) railroad line, and near Jirikov [redacted] of the [redacted] watchtowers which were already set up [redacted] on Czech territory were complete [redacted] to some. All watchtowers were still unoccupied.
2. Prior to early March 1955, it was observed in the border area around Rumburk (O 51/F 78) and Jirikov (Georgswalde) that the newly constructed obstacle was fairly [redacted] liberate [redacted] numerous spots the wire had become slack or [redacted]
3. Prior to October 1954, Luby Castle (Schoenbach, N 51/P 39) was occupied by about one border guard company. The soldiers of the unit wore normal army uniforms with green service color and included some men who wore doghead insignia. The superior headquarters of the unit was undetermined, but it was known that a major force of border guard troops was stationed at Kraslice (Grasslitz, N 51/K 30). The unit in Luby had to provide guards for the border guard check points in Kamen (Stein, N 51/K 30), Horn. Luby (Oberschoenbach) and Vackov (Watzkenreuth, N 51/P 39).<sup>2</sup> Prior to October 1954, no field fortifications, bunkers or other improvements of the terrain were observed in this border sector. The unit in Luby also provided mounted border patrols.<sup>1</sup>

1.            Comment. The improvement of the border-guard system in the border area between Czechoslovakia and East Germany has been mentioned in several previous reports. 25X1  
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2.            Comment. It is believed that the border guard troops mentioned in the present report are component units of the PS brigade in Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad). 25X1

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